

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

2016 Statewide News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 14	Mar 14
Feb	Mar 25	Mar 25
Mar	Apr 15	Apr 19
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May	June 17	June 21
June	July 22	July 26
July	Aug 19	Aug 23
Aug	Sept 20	Sept 20
Sept	Oct 21	Oct 25
Oct	Nov 18	Nov 22
Nov	Dec 16	Dec 20
Dec	Jan 24	Jan 24

Iowa Nonfarm Employment by Quarter

		Average Employment	Percent Change from Prior Qtr
2014	Qtr 4	1,553,300	0.2%
2015	Qtr 1	1,559,000	0.4%
	Qtr 2	1,560,200	0.1%
	Qtr 3	1,559,500	0.0%
	Qtr 4	1,570,000	0.7%
2016	Qtr 1	1,577,000	0.4%
	Qtr 2	1,579,800	0.2%
	Qtr 3	1,587,600	0.5%

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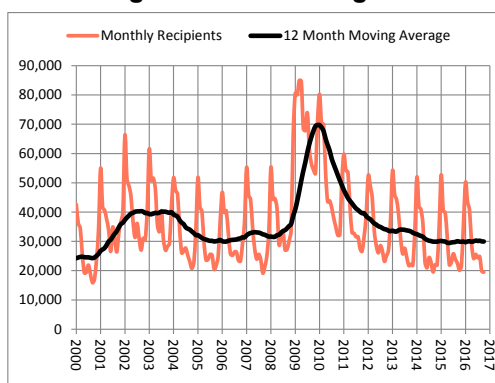
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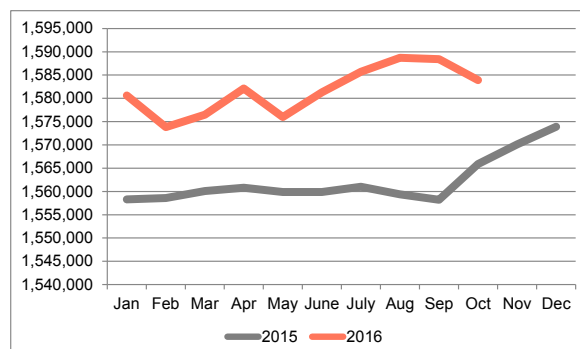
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- Iowa's seasonally adjusted jobless rate decreased slightly to 4.1 percent in October. The rate stood at 3.5 percent one year ago.
- The total number of working Iowans increased to 1,655,200 in October. This is 5,000 higher than last month and 12,700 higher than one year ago.
- The U.S. jobless rate decreased slightly to 4.9 percent in October.

Unemployment Insurance Recipients Regular State UI Program

Source: Iowa Workforce Development
(Recipients represents the number of persons receiving at least one UI payment during the month.)

- The number of benefit recipients has leveled off over the past 2 years after spiking in 2010. The 12 month moving average through October 2016 is at 29,948 recipients of benefits and was at 29,894 in October 2015.
- Average weekly earnings for construction workers are up \$89.44 compared to last October due to the large gain in overtime. Construction workers averaged \$1,342 per week in October.
- U.S. nonfarm employment added 161,000 jobs in October.

Total Nonfarm Employment - Iowa October 2015 - October 2016

- Iowa establishments shed 4,500 jobs in October. Goods producing sectors lost the most jobs this month (-3,800). Service sectors decreased slightly (-700).
- Iowa's nondurable goods factories were down 1,300 jobs in October and have not added jobs since May.
- Private education showed some signs of cutbacks this month (-2,400) although they are slightly above last year's level (+900).
- Construction shed jobs for the second consecutive month in October (-2,200) following a large summer expansion.
- Iowa establishments have added 18,000 jobs versus one year ago. Construction continues to lead all sectors in growth. Manufacturing leads all sectors in jobs lost.

Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates 2016